

SENATE BILL 486

By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and any other identified causative agent of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-222(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (a)(1) and by adding the following as a new subdivision (a)(2):

(2) Each facility covered under subdivision (a)(1) shall implement a policy requiring appropriate licensed health care personnel in each facility to ask each adult patient at the facility whether the patient wants to be tested for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and any other identified causative agent of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). The policy would require appropriate referrals if the patient indicates a desire to be so tested. The facility is not required to pay for any such testing for any patient who indicates a desire to be so tested.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.